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1. INTERAGENCY MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 21 TO EXAMINE COMMISSION STRATEGY AND GUIDELINES. THIS CABLE, HOWEVER, ALONG WITH GUIDANCE IN REFS A AND D, CONSTITUTES A HOLDING PATTERN, SINCE FULL INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT ON LEADERSHIP ROLES, CHAIRMEN, MEMBERSHIP, ILLUSTRATIVE PROGRAMS OF ACTIVITY, WILL REQUIRE MORE TIME. OUR TARGET IS FOR FULL AGREEMENT COB NOVEMBER 27.

2. WE TABLED ILLUSTRATIVE, ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK WITH SIX COMMITTEES AS SET OUT IN REF D. ALSO TABLED ILLUSTRATIVE AGENDAS FOR EACH COMMITTEE LARGELY FOLLOWING LINES
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OF YOUR DRAFT NOTE, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ANSARY'S

COMMENTS. THE SIXTH COMMITTEE--TO MONITOR DEFENSE CO-
PRODUCTION ITEMS--IS UNDER EXAMINATION BY DOD, POL-MIL,
AND NEA, AND SHOULD NOT BE BROACHED WITH IRANIANS. WE
EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT DOD/ISA ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILL BE
EX-OFFICIO COMMISSION MEMBER WHETHER OR NOT COMMITTEE IS
FORMED.

3. AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT WILL HEAD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE;
AND MAY BE ABLE TO HOLD A JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN
JANUARY IN TEHRAN. USG POSITION IN THIS FIELD WOULD DRAW
ON RESOURCES OF NASA, TVA, NSF, INTERIOR AS WELL AS
STATE (OES) AND A.I.D..

4. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE: WE SUGGEST THIS
TITLE TO AVOID VAGUE OR CONTENTIOUS PHRASE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT. WE SUGGESTED THAT NEW UNDERSECRETARY FOR
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ROBINSON (E) CHAIR COMMITTEE BUT
COMMERCE HAD PROPOSED THEIR UNDERSECRETARY. LABOR,
TREASURY, DOD, INTERIOR, TRANSPORTATION, OPIC, STATE
AND A.I.D. WOULD BE REPRESENTED. WHETHER STATE OR
COMMERCE CHAIRS THIS COMMITTEE, WE EXPECT MR. ROBINSON
TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN THE COMMISSION.

5. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS
SHOULD BE SEPARATE FROM NUCLEAR ENERGY, AND CHAIRED
BY STATE (OES). WE HOPE OES ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIG-
NATE DIXIE LEE RAY WILL BE CHAIRMAN.

6. EDUCATION, MANPOWER AND SOCIAL SERVICES: SUGGEST THIS
TITLE. H.E.W. TO CHAIR, WITH LABOR, COMMERCE, USIA,
STATE AND A.I.D. REPRESENTED.

7. NUCLEAR ENERGY: ERDA TO CHAIR, WITH NUCLEAR REGULA-
TORY AGENCY AND STATE (OES) REPRESENTED. A JOINT COMMIT-
TEE MEETING IN TEHRAN DURING DECEMBER IS A POSSIBILITY.
SINCE ERDA WILL BE COMING INTO BEING IN DECEMBER, PRECISE
PERSON TO LEAD U.S. SIDE IN SUCH MEETING IS UNCLEAR FOR
THE MOMENT, BUT IT IS LIKELY TO BE AEC HEAD OF
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, A. FRIEDMAN.
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8. BLANKET REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT:
THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT BLANKET AGREEMENT IS
NECESSARY TO SET GROUND RULES AND HELP BRIDGE THE ABSENCE
OF CLEAR LEGISLATIVE MANDATE FOR U.S. DOMESTIC DEPARTMENTS
ENGAGED IN PROGRAMS ABROAD. BLANKET AGREEMENT IS PREFER-
ABLE TO SEPARATE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN IRANIAN MINISTRIES AND
INDIVIDUAL U.S. DEPARTMENTS. IT WOULD BE ADMINISTERED BY

A.I.D. THRU ITS EXISTING STATUTORY AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION
607 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT. WE ARE DEVELOPING A
DRAFT AGREEMENT TO BE FORWARDED TO YOU. INGERSOLL

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